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## A NEW THEATRE

Messrs. Wood and Claver to  
Build Second Show House  
This Spring

The need for additional theatre facilities for Coquille is envisaged by Messrs. O. L. Wood and L. W. Claver, proprietors of the Liberty theatre for the past four years, who last Saturday announced that a new motion picture house would go up this spring on the lots just purchased by them at the corner of Second and Hall streets, across the street east of the city hall. The property acquired is 50 feet on Hall by 130 on Second, including the lot occupied by the Biegger used car lot and 50 feet of the former C. W. Gardner property.

The plan of the men who have bought the Liberty to an outstanding building in the city is to build a motion picture house outside Portland in the state, is for a stucco-covered frame building, with metal roof, occupying the entire 50x130 feet.

Beside the theatre there will be five store rooms, two facing on Hall and three on Second, and so quickly has work speed of this increased store room space in Coquille that they already have more applications for tenants than they will have rooms.

Entrance to the theatre will be at the street intersection corner with a lobby, lounge and foyer extending east for 50 feet and thence south for 50, giving access to the theatre itself, with two aisles 85 feet in length, leading from the foyer to the stage. The latter will be ten feet deep with a proscenium arch of nearly 40 feet. There will be a basement under the entire stage area.

The floor of the entire building will be concrete.

The store rooms in the southwest corner of the building will be 20 feet wide by 50 feet deep, with display windows at the rear along the foyer. The other store rooms will be 30x40.

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## Inspector Gives Wiring Warning

C. M. Barlow, electrical inspector for the state Bureau of Labor, was a Coquille visitor Monday. He expects to return again soon to inspect all the recent wiring done here.

Mr. Barlow says that property owners who do their own wiring usually have a hazardous job, one that may result in fire loss if not loss of life, and that usually by the time the wiring has been brought up to state requirements it costs more than it would to have a licensed electrician do it in the first place. A man who does a job of wiring to accommodate a neighbor is violating the state law, for which there is prescribed a penalty of \$100 maximum and 60 days in jail.

Mr. Barlow says there are an average of 60 fires in Oregon a year and seven deaths due to defective wiring, and he lists the ordinary lamp cord, sometimes used, as the most prolific cause of electricity-caused fires.

## Port to Build New Tug

The commissioners of the Port of Bandon, at their session here last week signed a contract with Jos. M. Dyer, of Astoria, for the construction of a hull for a new Port tug Kihyam, which will cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The construction will be done at the Prosper yards of the Port.

The machinery in the present tug will be placed in the new Kihyam, with a change from wood to oil for the boiler furnaces. The new hull will be 90 feet in length over all, a 21-foot beam, and a draft of ten feet.

Special time warrants are to be issued by the Port to pay for the new tug, and the commission expects to make them bear five per cent interest.

## Woman's Club to Meet Tuesday

The Coquille Woman's Club will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 9, at 2:15 p. m. in the Guild hall.

Mrs. Maud Woodyard will sing and a speaker from the Oregon state police department will address the club on "Highway Safety." The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Birthday-St. Patrick Dance

Coquille Post, No. 6, American Legion, is planning a combined birthday and St. Patrick's Day dance, to be held in the Community Building, Saturday evening, March 20, with music furnished by the Don Estes orchestra. The birthday is that of the founding of the national American Legion.

## County Debate Tournament Here Tomorrow

The Coos county debate tournament will be held at the Coquille high school Saturday, March 6. The program of debates is as follows:

9:30 a. m.—Affirmative, Myrtle Point; Negative, North Bend.

10:45 a. m.—Affirmative, North Bend; Negative, Coquille.

1:30 p. m.—Affirmative, Coquille; Negative, Marshfield.

2:45 p. m.—Affirmative, Marshfield; Negative, Myrtle Point.

Frank Biasca and Leonard Farr will uphold the affirmative side for Coquille, while Jack Martin and LaVelle Dale will uphold the negative side.

The question to be debated is, Resolved, "That all electric utilities should be governmentally owned and operated."

The public is invited.

## 55th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Bunch, who live on their Bink creek ranch, observed their 55th wedding anniversary last Sunday with a dinner at the home of their son, Levi Bunch. Twenty-two relatives and friends sat down to the anniversary dinner of this pioneer couple who have lived on Bink creek for 45 years.

Levi Bunch, of Coquille, brother of Mrs. Bunch, and Mrs. Belle Bennett, of Myrtle Point, sister of Mr. Bunch, two grand children and one great grandchild were among those who helped them celebrate the anniversary.

## DOG HOLIDAY ENDS MAR. 15

The city council decided Monday evening to start enforcement of the dog ordinance, enacted in 1918, but which has not been enforced for several years. Under its provisions no dog is allowed to run at large in the city, whether licensed by the county or not, and March 15 was set as the date when dogs running at large shall cease in Coquille.

C. C. (Jack) Ferris was appointed as dog catcher for a period of two months. His duty is to impound the dogs caught, and if they are not claimed within five days to sell them at auction. Should there be no buyer he is to kill the dog.

A fine of from \$1 to \$20 is the penalty for allowing a dog to run at large.

Below is printed a copy of the ordinance so that everyone may know just what the provisions of the ordinance are:

## ORDINANCE NO. 160

An Ordinance to prevent dogs from running at large within the corporate limits of the City of Coquille, Coos County, Oregon, providing for the impounding and sale of dogs found running at large within such limits, providing for the killing of any dog or dogs for which there shall not be bid a sum sufficient to pay the costs and expense of advertising and selling the same; prescribing a penalty for violation of this ordinance, repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance, and declaring an emergency.

The People of the City of Coquille Do Ordain as Follows:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for the owner or owners of any dog, male or female, to permit the same to run at large within the corporate limits of the City of Coquille.

## Mrs. Fred St. Clair Buried

Funeral services were conducted at Schroeder Bros. Mortuaries at two o'clock yesterday for Mrs. Fred St. Clair, who passed away Monday morning at her home in the north part of Coquille. Earl F. Downing, of the Church of Christ, conducted the services and interment was in the Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. St. Clair had been ill for about five weeks, pneumonia and undulant fever following an attack of the flu.

Mrs. St. Clair was born Helen Harry, Feb. 17, 1912, in Brewster valley, and was married Aug. 18, 1928, to Mr. St. Clair here in Coquille.

Besides her husband she leaves two small children, Fay and Richard, her mother, Mrs. Nellie Harry; a brother, Ashur Harry, and five sisters—Mrs. N. C. Standley, of Camas Valley, Mrs. E. E. Underwood, of Los Angeles, Mrs. Jesse Cotton, of Salem, Miss Alfreda Harry and Mrs. Bessie McGilvery, both of Coquille. Her father, O. C. Harry, passed away here several years ago.

Dance in Coquille with Tony's six-piece orchestra.

## PRICE S. ROBISON

79-Year Old Pioneer Passes  
Away at Norway Home  
Yesterday Morning

One of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the Coquille valley—Price Robison—passed away at his home in West Norway yesterday (Thursday) morning at ten o'clock. Death followed his fifth paralytic stroke which occurred Tuesday morning. He had suffered his first 15 years ago, his fourth last December, and this one was followed by the flu which for a time threatened to end his earthly career.

Between Tuesday and the hour of his death he had several sinking spells but so tenacious was the spirit of life in him and so strong the spark of vitality which had always activated him that he rallied long after when his relatives thought the end had come.

Funeral services will be held at the Brethren church in Myrtle Point tomorrow (Saturday) at 2 p. m., conducted by Elder J. W. Barnett and Rev. F. H. Barr.

The services at the Norway cemetery, where interment will take place, will be conducted by the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges. Mr. Robison was a charter member of Chadwick Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and of Beulah Chapter, O. E. S., and a few years ago was awarded the 50-year membership emblem of the Masonic lodge.

For some years he had been a member of the Myrtle Point Masonic lodge.

Price Seth Robison was born in (Continued on Page Nine)

## Joseph Gabrio

Joseph Gabrio was born at Montreal, Canada, in 1881. At an early age he moved to Minnesota, married and was the father of nine living children. He died at the Coquille Hospital last Thursday, Feb. 25, at 8:30 p. m.

Funeral services were held in the Nazarene church at Marshfield, Mr. Gabrio being a member of that church. He was buried in the Sunset cemetery at Marshfield, C. W. Gano being the funeral director. Four churches were represented at the service, three of Coquille and one of Marshfield, Mr. Gabrio having many friends.

Two of his sons, Wilfred and Edward, came from Minnesota and a daughter, Mrs. Rose Linquist, was present from her home in Clallam Bay, Wn.

Mr. Gabrio was easily the peer of men who rank high in various lines. He was an expert in the sport of hunting when he lived back in Minnesota. He was first class along various mechanical and constructional lines. He was a most loyal friend and a devout Christian and he is missed by us all. G. A. Gray, representing the Gabrio family.

## Justice Was Swift for Him

Raymond D. Ball, 20-year old Powers youth, found that justice can be speedily dealt last week. He entered a store in Myrtle Point at two o'clock last Friday morning, was arrested at 9:30, was taken before Judge Brand where he waived grand jury examination, pleaded guilty and at 4:30 p. m. Friday was sentenced to two years in the pen. Sheriff Howell took him to Salem on Wednesday.

He broke into Bill Osborne's place, the Schroeder furniture store and Lou Pearce's garage in Myrtle Point and admitted having entered the Ekblad store in Marshfield, as well as having stolen a car from the Tower used car lot at the Bay.

Herbert Smith was fined \$100 and given 30 days in the county jail on Monday by Justice Bolt at Marshfield for driving while intoxicated.

Jack McIntyre was brought to jail here from Marshfield on Monday to serve out a \$100 fine imposed by Justice Bolt on two charges—reckless driving and having no operator's license.

Fred Kampfer, 72-year old man who lives a couple of miles back from Myrtle Point in a shack, was arrested Monday by Sheriff Howell, charged with shooting a neighbor's sheep. When taken before Judge Brand he pleaded guilty and was given a sentence of one year in the pen, but was paroled on condition that he stay away from the shack and stop bothering the neighbors. The sheriff is arranging for him to be taken to the county farm.

Mrs. Geo. Unsoeld, who has been ill with flu for several weeks, is now able to be up and about the house.

## NEW MILL STARTS

Fir Plant at Smith Wood-Products to Operate  
Two Shifts

The new fir mill at the Smith Wood-Products plant was put into operation last week, but it was more to test it, find the places which needed adjusting and smooth out all the kinks. The gang saw is not yet in operation but will be within a few days.

The capacity of the mill is 125,000 feet a day, but this week the cut has been around 75,000.

Nearly 100 men are employed in this operation, and Geo. Ulett stated this morning that as soon as a crew could be assembled a night shift would be started employing the same number of men. He hopes to start the second shift in a week.

When that crew starts and the ladies in the separator plant are all at work the payroll of Smith Wood-Products will contain nearly 750 names. With little operation in the separator plant in February there were 612 on the payroll.

The larger, lighter and more comfortable offices of the plant are now being occupied, with the accounting, stenographic and clerical departments using two large rooms, with several smaller private offices at the rear.

## Good Friday Closing Asked

Earl F. Downing, of the Church of Christ and representing the Coquille Ministerial Association, was present at the Chamber of Commerce meeting in the hotel Tuesday noon to ask the Chamber's endorsement of the proposal that all places of business in Coquille close on Good Friday, March 26, between noon and 3:00 p. m., as was done last year. The directors voted to endorse the idea, but asked that the ministerial association canvas the business section and secure the agreement of all merchants before asking Mayor Rankin to declare the three-hour holiday. This, Mr. Downing said, they would do.

Last year several hundred attended the services in Pioneer church on Good Friday and the three-hour closing permits many to attend who would not otherwise be able to.

The directors voted to furnish a piano in the Community Building for the Music Festival, a program presented by the schools of the county, which will take place on April 24 this year.

## Councillors from the Coquille

chamber to the Coast Highway association appointed by President Stevens were J. A. Lamb, Life Compton and Drue Cunningham. J. E. Norton, by virtue of his office as first vice president of the highway association, is the fourth contact representative between the Coquille chamber and the coast organization.

## P. T. A. Meets Next Tuesday

Rev. W. Raymond Wilder will speak on the subject of the use and effects of alcohol and narcotics at the meeting of the Parent-Teachers association to be held Tuesday evening, March 9, at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, chairman of study of alcohol and narcotics, is asking each P. T. A. unit to make a special effort during the month of March to present a speaker on this program dealing with this "potent menace to the health, safety and morals of our young people." The public is invited to attend this meeting.

Ronald and Morris Williams, ages 9 and 7, will furnish the music for the program. Ronald is an advanced student of violin and will play a solo. Morris and Ronald will play a duet. These boys are students of Miss Dae.

Members and parents are urged to attend this meeting and discuss the merits of a P. T. A. unit for each school. A nominating committee should be appointed at this meeting.

## Disastrous for Both Chevs

A Chevrolet coach with a broken front wheel is at the Southwestern Motors garage here for repair. It belongs to Geo. E. Smith, of Bandon, and was run into the bank by a Chevrolet sedan, below Riverton, about eight o'clock Wednesday evening.

Inquiry here failed to reveal to whom the sedan belonged, for it was pulled back on the road by the Jno. A. Biegger wrecker from Marshfield and taken to the Bay.

According to the story told here the sedan was taking its half out of the middle of the road.

## Harry Elliott Defies Local

Measles to Take Him Up

In a private letter to the Sentinel, Harry Elliott says that his offer of \$25 for a match between those feudists, Compton and Fortier, on the evening of March 19, was bona fide and if they dare risk their amateur standing for a \$25 purse it will belong to one of them after the battle.

The following is an open letter, which Harry addresses to Life and Bill.

Gentlemen:  
Are you men or are you mice?  
A full week has elapsed since I, in a rash and unguarded moment, offered a \$25 purse to the winner of a contest on the canvas between Bill, "Bring On The Beer" Fortier and Life, "Don't Mess My Hair" Compton. And have I heard a word from either of you boys in the way of acceptance of this proposed bout? No.

It was really the spirit of philanthropy which activated me in making this kind and generous offer, because word had come to me that the peace and tranquillity of Coquille was being disturbed by the gnashing of teeth as you boys pass each other on (Continued on Page Eight)

## Nurses Quarters at Hospital

The new nurses' living quarters at the Coquille Hospital are expected to be finished within the next two weeks and ready for occupancy.

All of the six bedrooms in the 15x80 feet second story addition face on Hall street.

## NEW GOLF CLUB IS ASSURED

A very enthusiastic attendance of between 50 and 60 of those who have signed for membership in the new Coquille valley golf club, to be located at Norway, were present in the Coquille Hotel Wednesday evening for the preliminary organization meeting. The total number who have signed on the dotted line is 84, and four more have indicated that they would do so.

P. W. Lane acted as chairman of the meeting and H. S. Norton as secretary.

A committee, consisting of J. A. Berg, Geo. A. Ulett, Theo L. Clinton, Harry Peltz, Harry Deiment and Geo. Linn, was appointed to prepare for the incorporation of the club, make a deal with Mr. Haughton for the 40-acre tract at Norway and get things in shape for another meeting of the membership the middle of next week.

It was stated sufficient water was available in the creek there to care for the greens which will be put in as quickly as the deal for the land is completed.

A club house will probably be built there the coming summer.

The 40-acre tract is the most ideal for a golf course that can be found anywhere, with the proper amount of hill slope, natural hazards and good sites for the greens.

## Working on Co-op Creamery

After several weeks of canvassing by R. M. Pressey, field representative of the Challenge creamery association, the first meeting of dairymen in this section of the Coquille valley looking toward the establishment of a co-operative creamery was held on Saturday evening.

At that time a temporary organization committee consisting of E. L. Dellefsen, Alton Clausen and Floyd Peterson was named, who are authorized to apply for the necessary incorporation papers.

Mr. Pressey was delegated to secure the names of those who will join the association.

The location of the plant has not been decided upon.

## New Studio Opens

A. Miller and R. Lewis, the former of whom formerly conducted a photograph studio in Powers, today opened a studio in what has been the Moose hall in the Laird building. In their adv. elsewhere in this issue they announce film developing, picture-framing and photography as the specialty of the LeMille Studio.

## C. H. S. Final Game Tonight

The last scheduled game for the Red Devils in the district conference will be played this evening when they meet the Bobcats at Myrtle Point. Coquille's only interest in the tournament next week will be that of spectating.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

## COUNCIL SESSION

City Asked to Improve Community Building --- Other City Matters

Improvement of the appearance of the Community Building was the first thing considered by the City council at their Monday evening session. The matter was brought to the city dad's attention by Mrs. O. C. Sanford and Mrs. R. A. Wernich, president and past president of the Coquille Woman's Club, who would like to have the building renovated and repainted before the club's annual May Day dance which is to be given May 1. A bid for spray painting the interior of the building for \$165 was reported as received by Recorder Leslie.

When councilmen reminded him that the city had not budgeted funds for such an expenditure, Mr. Biegger replied that his idea was that Co-

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## Marjorie McClellan Married

Miss Marjorie McClellan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McClellan of this city, was united in marriage on February 21 to J. S. Throckmorton, at Kalispell, Montana, by Rev. M. A. Cookson.

Miss McClellan left here last May for her second trip to Missoula, and has been employed in the forestry service office there. Mr. Throckmorton, who is a Seattle man, has also been employed in the forestry office but has now accepted a position in Yakima, Wash., with a printing concern. His bride will remain in Missoula for a month before joining him in Yakima. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Washington State College.

The bride has a host of friends in Coquille where she was born and grew to womanhood, who will extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.

## Those to Appear on H. S. Amateur Card, Mar. 10

The Coquille high school will hold amateur boxing and wrestling bouts in the Coquille Community building next Wednesday night, March 10, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

The participants in these matches, with two exceptions, are Coquille high school boys. Those entering the boxing bouts are:

Zoe Sinclair, 120 lbs., vs. Ole Chard, 115 lbs.  
Ted Schaefer, 114 lbs., vs. Phillip Stock, 114 lbs.  
John Leatherwood, 131 lbs., vs. Don Landaker, 137 lbs.  
Arkie Knife, 135 lbs., vs. James Allen, 138 lbs.  
John Williams, 141 lbs., vs. Russell Konrad, 141 lbs.  
Everett Smith, 156 lbs., vs. Bud

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## In Circuit Court This Week

Judge Brand announced in circuit court yesterday that after the trial of the case, Breyton vs. Stonecypher, involving a real estate deal, the jury would be discharged until the following Monday.

Wednesday of next week will be motion day.

The retrial of the \$10,000 damage case of Dean vs. Crawford, which started Monday in circuit court, came to an abrupt end Monday morning when the attorneys in the case announced that a \$2750 payment by the defendant had been agreed upon.

The jury which heard the state's case against Irvin Watson, indicted for driving while intoxicated, brought in a verdict yesterday afternoon of not guilty.

## Another Eagles Dance Saturday

The Eagles lodge will give another of their popular dances in the Community Building tomorrow (Saturday) evening, with Don Estes' orchestra furnishing the music. Their re-opening dance last Saturday was largely attended and the participants heartily enjoyed the evening.

A Rummage Sale is to be held by the W. C. T. U. in the room next to the First National Bank, March 6 and 13. Many useful and good articles will be offered.